

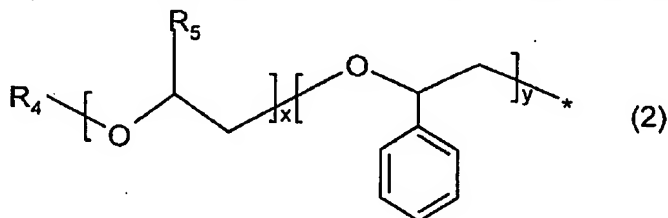
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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed February 8, 2008 has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the Title of the Application to correct an obvious spelling error which was not earlier noticed in the term "Styrene". It is believed that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

In the Specification on page 3, Applicant has corrected an obvious typographical error in formula (2) which should properly be shown as follows:



Support for this amendment can be explained as follows. One skilled in the art will recognize that only this corrected representation of Formula (2), upon polymerization, will result in the copolymers of formula (1), which are copolymers prepared by the copolymerization of different alkylene oxides and styrene oxide by an alkoxylation reaction. This alkoxylation reaction is initiated by an alcohol (See Applicant's Examples 1-4). Alkoxylation reactions will not result in the formation of peroxy linkages as the incorrect formula (2) implied. None of the formulae (3) to (14) contain a peroxy linkage. The specific examples of the compounds of formula (1) when A is formula (2) are provided as formulae (10) to (14), which do not contain

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peroxo linkages and are consistent with the amended correct formula (2). It is believed that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly describe the invention. Applicant amended claim 9 to recite 'via the valence denoted by "*" ' to indicate that the "*" in formula (2) indicates the point at which the copolymer of formula (2) is linked to the copolymer of formula (1) at the position A in formula (1), and claim 1 as amended was incorporated into claim 9. Amended claim 9 incorporates the corrected formula (2). Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 9 may be found in Applicant's Specification and originally filed claims 1 and 9. Support for new claims 10-16 may be found in originally filed claims 2-7. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention are moot in view of Applicant's amendment canceling claims 1-8.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boinowitz et al. (US Patent No. 6,310,123, hereinafter referred to as the '123 patent). The rejection of claim 1 as amended under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boinowitz et al. (US Patent No. 6,310,123) are moot in view of Applicant's amendment canceling claims 1-8.

The objection to Claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim should be withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment rewriting claim 9 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

New claims 10-16 depend from amended claim 9 and should be allowable for the reasons given in support of claim 9.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the rejections under §112 and §102 should be withdrawn and that this application is in a condition for an allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

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An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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